

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application. Claims 6, 7, 11, 14-32, 39, 40, 43, 49, 50, and 54 are cancelled. Claim 33-38, 41, 42, and 46 are amended. Claims 1-5, 8-10, 12, 13, 33-38, 41, 42, 44-48, 51-53, 55 and 56 are pending.

Double Patenting

A Terminal Disclaimer is being filed with this Response, thereby obviating this rejection.

§101 Rejection

As described in the Interview Summary, claim 33 has been amended to recite an “article of manufacture including a computer-readable medium having instructions stored thereon.” Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

§§102 and 103 Rejections

Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-8, 10, 11, 13, 33, 34, 36, 38-40, 42-45, 47, 49-51, 53, 54, and 56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,386,878 to Fernando et al (hereinafter “Fernando”). Claims 3, 35, and 46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious over Fernando. The Applicant respectfully disagrees.

The Applicant respectfully submits that Fernando is not available as a reference to the present Application. Fernando shows a filing date of August 14, 2002 and does not include a claim to priority to another application or patent.

However, the present Application includes a claim of priority to U.S. Patent No. 7,124,435 (hereinafter the “Parent Patent”), which was filed on October 23, 2001, which also claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/246,821 filed November 7, 2000. Accordingly, each of these dates is before the filing date of Fernando. Therefore, because **Claims 1-4, 8, 9, 12, 13, 33-36, 40, 41, 44-47, 51, 52, 55, and 56** are supported throughout the Parent Patent as filed, these claims also predate Fernando.

For example, Claims 1, 33, and 44 are supported through the Parent Patent, examples of which may be found at Col. 3, Line 63 to Col. 4, Line 14 and at Col. 5, Lines 49-63.

Claims 2, 34, and 45 are supported throughout the Parent Patent, examples of which may be found at Col. 4, Line 61 to Col. 5, Line 6.

Claims 3, 35, and 46 are supported throughout the Parent Patent, examples of which may be found at Col. 5, Line 61 to Col. 6, Line 3.

Claims 4, 36, and 47 are supported throughout the Parent Patent, examples of which may be found at FIG. 4 and accompanying discussion.

Claims 8, 9, 40, 41, 51 and 52 are supported throughout the Parent Patent, examples of which may be found at Col. 1, line 17 to Col. 2, Line 67.

Claims 10, 42, and 53 Claims 3, 35, and 46 are supported throughout the Parent Patent, examples of which may be found at Col. 5, Line 61 to Col. 6, Line 3.

Claims 12, 46, and 55 are supported throughout the Parent Patent, examples of which may be found at FIG. 5 and accompanying discussion.

Claims 13 and 56 are supported throughout the Parent Patent, examples of which may be found at FIGS. 2 and 3 and accompanying discussion. It is respectfully submitted that because the Parent Patent provides full support for these claims and since the Parent Patent predates Fernando, these claims as submitted in the present Application also predate Fernando.

Claims 5, 37, and 48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious over Fernando in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,584,564 to Olkin et al (hereinafter “Olkin”). The Applicant respectfully disagrees. It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner has not shown support in either of the references for threading of previous messages. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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